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We admonish members of the various Citizens' Associations to be manly. Most anyone can act like a boy, but such conduct is not generally expected from men. Treat the great crossing subject and other large measures in a spirit of liberality to all sections.

A new question for discussion has been precipitated in Chicago with re ference to public school polity. There has been submitted to the Board of Education for its action a resolution looking to the separation of the sexes after the fourth grade has been passed. The trustee who is in management of the movement says that "the inherited traits and home training of many of the boys in our cosmopolitan schools are not such as to make them desirable companions for girls. The language you may hear on any of our streets from boys bears this out."

James Pyle, the soap manufacturer. died a few days ago at his home in New York City. It was when located in the vicinity of the old Tribune office that Mr. Pyle, who had become ac quainted with Horace Greeley, learned the value of that advertising in which he afterward expended sums aggregat ing millions. He was the first to util ize in advertisements the letters "O K." in their business significance of "all correct." He had read the ver sion of the origin of the use of these letters by Jackson as an indorsement, and was struck by their catchiness By his extensive employment of them he probably did more than any other person to raise them to the dignity of a popular term and an established business institution.

Rats bought up wholesale at Vanconver and examined for germs of the plague have failed to show any, and this is said to disprove the theory that of grated nutmeg, one teacupful of they carry the said germs about with raisins chopped fine and well floured them. It is well for humanity, especially for that part wearing skirts, that this adventitious terror of the rodent squeeze dry; place in another bowl tribe is removed. It had terrors and mix lightly with half a bunch of chough before. It is also pleasant to celery, chopped fine, one teaspoonful Learn that one of the causes for the spread of disease is no cause. We are always discovering some new way by which we can eatch the measles from Patagonians and such distant three minutes; when cold cut each in two. Prepare the following French which we can avoid catching them, The rat will probably never become s favorite domestic animal; but we car at least bok on him with a kindlie eye in future as he gnaws our thing and avaids our traps.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS. Latest Fad in Serving Tea.

Glass cups and saucers for serving tea and coffee is the latest fad and while there is not much danger that these crystal accessories of the tes table will in any marked degree replace chins they are pretty novelties. They may be kept in a silver frame with a basket-like handle, the cups and saucers separate, and the arrange ment is a convenient one for afternoor

The Right Gloss. There is a knack about getting the right kind of a gloss on linen collars and cuffs, but the method is easily learned by a competent laundress. The gloss desired is like that on new linen and is produced by friction with a warm iron. The articles to be glossed are starched as much as possible, according to the old-fashioned method, and then dried. A piece of sperm, paraffine or white wax, the size of a hazel nut is generally added to the starch. When ready to be ironed the linen is dampened slightly and ironed in the usual way with a flat iron. Then comes the glazing A peculiar looking, heavy flat iron, rounded at the bottom and polished as bright as a mirror is used and is pressed firmly upon the linen and rubbed with much force, thus producing the gloss. Plenty of friction is the secret of glossing linen to perfection, but there is a knack in knowing how to apply the friction.

The Baby's Bottle.

Feeding bottles for babies are not a modern invention. It is said that they were used by the ancient Greeks, whose nurses used to carry a sponge full of honey in a small pot with which to stop the children's mouths wher crying.

Speaking of babies' bottles, too much care cannot be taken of them, especially during the hot months Those with long rubber tubes should never be used. The only ones that are strictly sanitary are those with the big rubber nipple that slips on directly over the neck of the bottle. Of course this necessitates holding the bottle while the baby eats, but it is better to do this than to risk the child's life by using the long rubber tube. The nip ple should be taken off after each feed ing and it and the bottle washed in boiling water at once. Before using again rinse in clean water with half a teaspoon of soda in it. A good way to do is to keep in a pan of soda and water when not in use.

If the greatest precaution is not taken, the stale milk about the neck of the bottle and in the nipple will set up a fermentation that is poison to the baby's throat, mouth and stomach, and will cause sore mouth, wind colid or summer complaint.

The Medicine Closet.

A well-equipped medicine emergency closet is one way of being ready, and below is a list that may hely young mothers and housekeepers: A roll of old linen handkerchiefs, perfectly clean and sweet, and smoothly ironed; a roll of old linen of any sort -old fine damask napkins being always the most precious and the most desirable, all clean, and all well ironed and smoothly folded. Wrinkled old linen is seldom as useful as if put away properly; some old flannel, and at least a yard or two of new flannel, of medium quality and all wool. Flannel made of half wool and half cottor is not always as soft as that woven entirely of wool; some soft old towels; & cake of surgeon's soap; a small soft sponge, to be bought of any good chemist; several rolls of cotton bandages, five yards long and from two to four inches wide. They can be bought, but are easily rolled with a little practice, and are much cheaper when bought in that way. The end should be fastened down with a bit of adhesive plaster; a roll of surgeon's adhesive plaster; some large, small and medium nursery safety pins; a paper of pins of medium size; a bottle of arnica and one of witch hazel; a bottle of aromatic spirits of armonia; a bottle of lime water and one of sweet oil; a jar of vaseline; a pair of sharp scissors of medium size; a good spoo of course cotton and needles to carry These things will equip the emergency shelf, and a strict rule should be that, unless needed for illness or accident, not one of the articles should ever be touched, or if used, should be

replaced as soon as possible.

Home-Made Sausage-Chop as fine as possible one pound of lean beef and two ounces of suet. Mix well together one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of fine sage, and one saltspoonful of pepper; add to the chopped meat form into little cakes and bake in the oven or fry in the usual manner.

Eggless Cake-Take one and one half cupfuls of sugar, one cupful of sour milk, three level cupfuls of sifted flour, one-half cupful of butter, one teaspoonful of sods, one-half of teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful

Celery Stuffing-Put one quart of bread crumbs into bowl, cover with tepid water, let stand one minute and of salt, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper, one-half cupful of melted butter and two beaten eggs.

Scallop Salad-Scald one pint of scallops in salted boiling water for dressing and mix well with the scallops: Dressing—To every four table spoonf"'s of oil allow one tablespoon ful of ga and one-half tablespoon. ful of lemon fuice, one saltspoonful of salt and one-half saltspoonful of pepper. Serve on a bed of crisp, white, lettuce leaves.

DRANK ONLY WHISKY.

For Thirty Years a Man Held to -Strange Vow.

Joshua Reddik, an eccentric character, died hero recently, writes a Leffler's Station correspondent to the Chicago Inter Ocean. For thirty-one years past he had not taken a drink of water voluntarily, nor had he allowed himself to take a bath. There was a feud between water and Joshua pathetic in its inception. Reddik was one of the first settlers in this section. In due course of time a young Joshua came to the family. He was a likely youth, who could plow a straight furrow when he was 11 years old. The family prospered exceedingly. During the civil war it is a matter of tradition that they sold hav to the government at a price approximating nine gold dollars a pound, and weighed it on their own scales. A few miles from the Reddik homestead flowed a placid river. In this stream Reddik and his son were accustomed to swim. They went swimming one fine warm day in July, 1868, and young Joshua was drowned. Mrs. Reddik, prostrated by the shock, died. Standing by her coffin, Joshua Reddik swore that never so long as he lived would he drink water or voluntarily come in contact with it. Joshua Reddik decided that whisky was about as far away from water as he could get, and he stocked his house with whisky. He bought it by the barrel, and as time went on his thirst increased. It happened that Reddik's oath kept him from traveling. He was virtually surrounded by water. His oath would not allow him to cross water for fear he might fall in, so he was condemned to spend his life in a territory about three miles square. Rain and snow were the bane of his existence. He became an expert in prognosticating rainstorms and was always able to avoid getting wet, but in winter he was compelled to spend most of his time in his lonely house. He would stock up with provisions in the fall, having a few barrels of whisky rolled in and prepare to hibernate. Whisky as a steady beverage palled on the old man after a decade of indulgence. Moehn's brewery was a short distance from the house. On one side of the brewery was a pond, and to avoid the pond in reaching the brewery the old man was compelled to make a wide detour and slide down a bluff. A special brand of beer was made for him in the brewery and a flight of stairs was built down the bluff for his benefit.

RICHEST CONGRESSMAN.

Congressman William Connell is re puted to be the wealthiest member o the present national house of repre sentatives, but what he is worth can not be exactly computed in dollars and cents, on account of the nature of hh investments, which are somewhat fluc tuating in character. Mr. Connell's success in life has been achieved by in dustricus habits associated with principles of strict business integrity, and young Americans may imbibe fresh inspiration from his wholesome and salutary example. More than fifty years ago Mr. Connell began life by driving a mule in the coal mines of Pennsylvania at seventy-five cents a day. At the present time he is the owner of the mine in which he commenced work as a boy, and is said to be the largest individual coal operator in the United States. He has spent his whole life in the mining of coal and his wealth is now estimated at \$20, 000,000. He has the reputation also of being a considerate and kindly em-



CONGRESSMAN WM. CONNELL. ployer, and of always being willing to help those who are deserving of assist ance. Mr. Connell, who is now seventy-two years old, was elected to the fifty-fifth congress on the Republican PEEP AT SIEGE TRAIN

WHAT IS MEANT BY SOME RE-CENT DESPATCHES.

Some Points About the Wonderful Engines of War First Introduced by th Boers of South Africa - Accuracy o Fire a Certain Element.

that a siege train was being mobilized for service in South Africa no doubt conveyed very little information to the non-military mind, as was shown a few days ago, when a writer in the London Daily Mail was asked, in all sincerity: "What is the difference between a siege train and an armored train?" As a matter of fact, a siege train is the name applied to the complement of guns, ammunition and store wagons, and men employed to conduct a siege, According to the "Siege Artillery Manual," a siege train may consist of any number of divisions, heavy, medium or light, according to the requirements of the service. A division, as a rule, consists of sixteen pieces of ordnance, exclusive of machine guns; each division requires a personnel consisting of four companies of garrison artillery, with the following staff: One lieutenant-colonel, one adjutant, one quartermaster, two staff non-commissioned officers, and two staff clerks, in addition to a total of 596 officers, noncommissioned officers and men. In the present instance the armament consists of the new five-inch breechloading howitzers throwing lyddite shell. All siege guns and howitzers are fitted with special sights known as "French's sights," which enable them to be laid on an object that is invisible to the gunner. With this advantage it is possible to place the battery behind a hill totally obscured from the enemy's view, and to pound away until either all his guns are dismounted or the fort breached so as to enable the infantry to carry the place by assault. Siege gunnery has now arrived at such a pitch of perfection that there is absolutely nothing that can withstand the attack of a wellorganized and well-equipped siege train. The shell fire is so accurate and searching and the high explosives so destructive that it is only a question of time in demolishing any defense that can possibly be erected By means of an observing instrument, invented by Capt. Tancred, each shot can be accurately observed as bursting so many yards short or over the object, thus enabling the necessary corrections to be made for the next round to strike the exact spot desired and insuring extreme accuracy of fire.

TROUBLE WITH THE TIBER. It Is Due to Ill-Calculated Engineering

Operations Owing to ill-calculated engineering operations by which the northern branch of the river by the Tiber island was deepened a few years ago, the southern branch, which skirts the former Ghetto, has dried up into a heavy bank of muddy sand, and this is its normal state, making (it will be understood) the island of St. Bartolommec as ridiculous as a swan on land, says the London Globe. The absurd aspect of it is the more accentuated because the Ponte Fabricio or Quatro-capi, which unites the island to the southern bank, happens to be both the oldest and best preserved bridge in Rome dating from 62 B. C., and being composed of two bold side arches and a small central flood arch. On rare occasions, however, after heavy downfalls, the river, rising in its wrath, succeeds in reasserting its ancient dominion, and we see the beautiful bridge built by Fabricus spanning the waters sent down from Monte Pattino and Ansciano. Such a rise has taken place during the last three days, in consequence of which the forum is inundated by means of the cloaca maxima, while the foaming yellow flood has reached a height of but three feet below the little Franciscan garden belonging to the church of St. Bartolommeo. The ancient confessional below that basilica, dating from about the seventh century, is entirely filled. In fact, the waters have risen about forty feet, and if rain should continue to fall we may witness the Tiber invading the Corso and Piazza d'Espagna. Happily, a change seems to be setting in It was quite a fascinating sight to see the main, or northern, flood racing beneath the Cestian bridge, like a succession of maelstroms, almost giddying to behold. As usual a crowd of people amused themselves by watching the operations of those who on such occasions fish for driftwood.

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